

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action, made final, dated November 29, 2006.

Amendment

Page 1 of the specification has been amended to replace US Application numbers with corresponding US granted Patent numbers in the Co-Pending Applications. The Applicant submits that no new matter is introduced.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 28-42 have been made dependent on claim 37.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The Applicant maintains that the present invention is not anticipated by Izawa.

In the most recent Office Action, the Examiner asserts at pages 4-5 that:

“Claim 25 does not claim that the (position) data is contained in the tag, but rather the data is generated by the sensing device sensing the tag”

This assertion by the Examiner is incorrect. Claim 25, lines 3-5 specifically states:

“... each tag containing coded data indicative of an identity of the document and of a location of the tag on the document ...” (emphasis added).

It appears that the Examiner has misconstrued the scope of claim 1. Position data is quite clearly encoded into each tag according to claim 25.

The Applicant therefore maintains that Izawa fails to teach the subject-matter of the present invention.

Finality of Office Action

The Applicant further requests withdrawal of the finality of the most recent Office Action, because it contains assertions about the Applicant's claims which are quite clearly incorrect.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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